



## Upgrading from Clicker 5 to Clicker 6

The key differences between the Clicker 5 and Clicker 6 programs are:

- Clicker 6 enables students to work more independently, with additions including the Quick Start Screen, word prediction and the Click & Edit books.
- Clicker 6 provides more opportunities to be creative, with painting tools and webcam support built into the program.
- Clicker 6 makes it much quicker and easier for teachers to create and edit learning activities.
- Activities you have created in Clicker 5 will still work in Clicker 6, but you cannot use Clicker 6 resources in Clicker 5.



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Clicker 6 Features	Further Info and Benefits	Available in Clicker 5?
Talking word processor	Clicker helps learners find and correct errors and grow in independence and confidence by providing automatic speech feedback as students write. Each sentence is automatically read aloud as it is completed, with every word clearly highlighted as it is spoken, enabling learners to follow the text and review what they have written. Research shows that this active engagement with text encourages students to find and correct errors for themselves.	Clicker 5 also had a talking word processor, but this has been improved in Clicker 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A more 'human sounding' speech engine.</li> <li>- The ability to save Clicker Documents as Microsoft Word documents, and vice-versa.</li> <li>- The new Quick Start screen, enables students to start writing using the word processor right away. In Clicker 5, teachers would need to set up a Clicker Grid on the screen before a child could start using Clicker.</li> </ul>
Word predictor	Clicker's intelligent word predictor suggests words that fit the context of the student's writing, encouraging them to use more adventurous vocabulary. Children are able to create flowing pieces of text with accurate spelling and grammatically correct sentences. The predictor is speech-supported, and can be customized to support each student's individual needs, including optional picture support.	This feature is not available in Clicker 5.
Crick Picture Library	The picture library makes it easy for students to illustrate their own books or documents, and for teachers to provide graphical support for learners who need additional help.  Drag and drop the pictures from the picture browser, or use our unique "Instant Pictures" feature where you simply type in a word and the relevant picture appears automatically. The pictures can also be used in Clicker Sets, the predictor and the talking spellchecker.	Clicker 5 uses the Crick Picture Library 2, which contains around 1,900 pictures.  Clicker 6 uses the Crick Picture Library 3, which is a larger, more up-to-date library, containing more than 2,500 engaging curriculum pictures.
Painting tools	Our popular painting program, Clicker Paint, is fully incorporated into Clicker 6. This enables children to design their own pictures to complement their writing and voice recordings. Not only is this incredibly motivating for children, but it is also a great way to help kick-start the writing process. It is also a valuable tool for struggling writers, as it provides an alternative way in which they can share ideas or demonstrate understanding.	Clicker 5 does not have painting tools incorporated into it. Customers who wanted to use painting tools needed to purchase our Clicker Paint program separately.
Webcam support	It is so motivating for students to use their own photographs in their work. With Clicker 6's built-in webcam support, students are also able to take photographs that instantly appear in their Clicker Documents.	Webcam support is not available in Clicker 5.
LearningGrids	Clicker comes with free access to hundreds of ready-made resources on our LearningGrids website ( <a href="http://www.learninggrids.com">www.learninggrids.com</a> ). The resources cover a wide range of curriculum topics, and more are added every two weeks by our Curriculum team. Each resource has an 'i' button, which provides teacher instructions for using the resource, and a list of similar or connected resources that the teacher may also wish to use.	Clicker 5 customers also get access to LearningGrids - however: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All new resources added to the site will be Clicker 6 resources, and will not work in Clicker 5.</li> <li>- Clicker 5 users can access LearningGrids directly from within the program, but they have to log in to run the resources, whereas Clicker 6 users don't have to log in to access the resources.</li> </ul>

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Accessibility	<p>For students unable to use a mouse or keyboard, extensive switch accessibility is provided, and it is easy to customize the exact scanning order.</p> <p>Using the Crick USB Switch Box with Clicker enables switch users to fully access Clicker activities and the Clicker word processor.</p> <p>Other accessibility features include Mouse Dwell, which vastly improves access for those using joysticks, tracker balls or eye-control devices, and the ability to customize the font size and colors Clicker uses for children with low vision or, in some cases, dyslexia.</p> <p>Clicker is also touch-screen friendly; it is widely used on interactive whiteboards, includes a selection of on-screen keyboards, and now has a special 'Sound Shift' tool, which enables children to access the 'right-clicking' functionality of Clicker to listen to words or phrases before using them in their document.</p>	<p>Clicker 5 is switch accessible and touch-screen friendly, however:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scanning customization is much easier in Clicker 6.</li> <li>- Mouse Dwell is not available in Clicker 5.</li> <li>- Sound Shift is not available in Clicker 5.</li> <li>- In Clicker 6 it is possible to fully customize the color scheme used in the document and the Clicker Grids (very useful for students with low vision and some dyslexic learners). In Clicker 5 you cannot change these settings for the document, and must choose from a selection of predetermined settings when changing colors in the Clicker Grids.</li> </ul>
Clicker wizards	<p>The Clicker 6 wizards are one of the highlights of Clicker 6.</p> <p>The wizards are a completely new way of creating Clicker activities. Teachers can simply add in their content, and the wizards instantly transform the content into a Clicker activity.</p> <p>There are wizards for sentence building, word banks, picture banks, writing books, matching, and speaking and listening activities. The speed and ease with which each wizard can be used means that teachers are able to create a series of differentiated learning activities in a matter of minutes.</p>	<p>Clicker 5 does not come with the Clicker 6 wizards.</p> <p>Activity creation templates are available (these are also still available in Clicker 6) but it is certainly much easier and quicker for teachers to create activities in Clicker 6, particularly for staff who are unfamiliar with the program.</p> <p>Clicker 6 also includes an enhanced Edit Mode, which makes editing activities very intuitive.</p>
Accessing Clicker activities	<p>In Clicker 6, the Quick Start menu includes options to open a recently worked on file, or to open an activity that has been saved to the child's 'favorites' – making it much quicker for children to access key activities.</p>	<p>These options are not available within Clicker 5.</p>
Support materials	<p>We have had a lot of feedback from customers asking for extra materials to help them get the most out of the software, so for Clicker 6 we have created a number of free support materials, available at <a href="http://www.cricksoft.com">www.cricksoft.com</a>. These include 90-second training videos and printable PDFs, and hints and tips videos available through our Facebook page.</p> <p>We will also regularly hold free 45 minute online training webinars that customers can participate in.  <a href="http://www.cricksoft.com/us/professional-development/webinars.aspx">http://www.cricksoft.com/us/professional-development/webinars.aspx</a></p>	<p>Clicker 5 customers can still purchase the Clicker 5 training toolkits from our website, but training videos and webinars will not be available for Clicker 5.</p>
System requirements	<p>Clicker 6 works on all modern Windows and Mac computers.</p>	<p>Clicker 5 works on all modern Windows and Mac computers with the exception of Mac OS X 10.7 and 10.8.</p>